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## Patent Claims

- A steering column train for a motor vehicle, 1. 5 having a steering spindle which bears a steering wheel and is connected to a steering shaft, the connection between the steering spindle and the being formed by steering shaft transmitting joint, and having an axially moveable link element for axial length compensation, 10 link element comprising at least one coupling member with two parallel axes of rotation, characterized in that a spigot cross element (17) is coupled to that end of the steering spindle (2) which lies 15 opposite the steering wheel, one axis of the spigot cross element (17) forming an axis rotation  $(D_{BU})$  of the coupling member (12).
- 20 2. The steering column train as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the spigot cross element (17) is mounted in a forked joint (6) which is arranged at that end of the steering spindle (2) which lies opposite the steering wheel.
- The steering column train as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that two transverse spigots of the spigot cross element (17) form a transverse bolt (16) of the coupling member (12).
  - The steering column train as claimed in claim 3, characterized
- in that two longitudinal spigots (18, 19) of the spigot cross element (17) form a pivot axis  $(A_G)$  of the forked joint (6).

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- 5. The steering column train as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the coupling member (12) comprises two side plates (13, 14) through which two transverse bolts (15, 16) pass, the transverse bolts (15, 16) forming the axes of rotation (D<sub>BU</sub>, D<sub>BO</sub>) of the coupling member (12).
- 10 6. The steering column train as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the steering shaft (3) has a flange (10) which ends at a distance from the longitudinal axis  $(A_{LW})$  of the steering shaft (3).
- 7. The steering column train as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the flange (10) is provided with an additional mass (20).
- 8. The steering column train as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the steering shaft (3) is formed with a corrugated tube section (9).

